

CHILD CARE LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

12 May 2011

Cannon Health Building, 288 North 1460 West, Room 125

Salt Lake City, Utah

Members Present: Diane Wilkinson, Dale Smith, Carol Thompson, Pat Marino, Ed Dieringer, Joni Hemond, Julie Shakib

Members Excused: Michael Libeck, Jodi Jensen, Susan Williams-Ashby, Leslie Hjorth, Carolyn Miller

Department of Health and Child Care Licensing Staff Present: Teresa Whiting, Simon Bolivar, Karrie Phillips, Dr. Marc Babitz, Donna Thomas, Michelle Lewis

WELCOME

Mr. Smith began the meeting at 9:30 am. The minutes from the last Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee meeting on March 10, 2011 have not been approved by the committee. Once all the committee members have a chance to review and approve the minutes they will be posted on the Child Care Licensing website at: www.health.utah.gov/licensing.

OLD BUSINESS

Provider Opening on Advisory Committee

Mr. Smith addressed the issue that there is a provider opening on the Advisory Committee. David Rothchild has sold his center and has withdrawn from the committee. The specific slot is to be a child care center owner. If anyone has any recommendations, there is a form that needs to be completed. Ms. Whiting has copies of the form for anyone interested or it can be emailed out.

Mr. Dieringer made a recommendation that Mr. Marino distribute the information out to the center provider association.

Mr. Smith asked if there are any other ways to get the information out to the communities. Ms. Whiting suggested that it can be sent to the Advisory Committee and Interested Parties.

NEW BUSINESS

Filing Updates to the Center Rules

Ms. Whiting gave a presentation on the filing updates to the Center Rules. The rule revision has been discussed for a number of meetings. The last decision was recommended at the last Advisory meeting, which was about mixed age ratios for centers. These amendments have not been filed yet due to a new task from the Governor. Governor Herbert has tasked each state agency to complete a comprehensive review of all of their administrative rules. The Department is placing a moratorium on rule filings until this task is completed.

There are two parts of this rule review:

- To make sure that rules fall within the Department's statutory authority.
- To look at the balance between the rule's benefit to citizens and its cost to small businesses.

Dr. Patton, Executive Director of the Department of Health, will be sending correspondence to each provider association to ask for their input into this task. When the rule review is completed, if it results in possible rule changes these will be brought back to the Advisory Committee to be discussed and filed for public comment.

Update on QRIS - Steve Matherly

Mr. Matherly gave a review on QRIS - Quality Recognition Information System. Mr. Matherly shared feedback about the system that is being developed based on feedback received at local provider meetings. Some meetings have been held and others are scheduled to be held. The meetings should all be completed by the time of the next CCLAC meeting. Mr. Matherly will attend the next meeting to give additional information once all of the provider meetings have been held.

Mr. Matherly also explained that the advertising agency they have contracted with to publicize QRIS has conducted parent focus groups. We should have the results of those focus groups in the next month.

Dr. Babitz asked how complaints will be handled in the QRIS system. Mr. Matherly stated that in every area, there are consultants who work with family providers to provide technical assistance if providers have problems. Eventually, there will be a parent satisfaction survey and link results of those surveys in the system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Wilkinson brought up an issue about false complaints against a provider. Ms. Whiting said she did not have the information necessary during this meeting to address this specific concern, and explained the statute and penalties regarding false complaints.

Ms. Silver asked about the Department budget stemming from the Legislative session. Ms. Whiting said that there was a cut of \$100,000 of to the child care licensing program for FY12.

Mr. Smith said there is a quorum and the minutes from last meeting need to be approved. There was a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. Mr. Smith took a vote on the minutes from March 10, 2011. The minutes were approved.

The next Child Care Licensing Advisory Meeting will be July 14, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m., at the Cannon Health Building, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City in room 125.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.